GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SOIL EROSION IN COASTAL ZONES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether coastal zones in some States are facing soil erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to tackle the issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the problem has been resolve?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes Sir. Problems of coastal erosion are reported from all coastal States.

(b) Coastal erosion is not restricted to specific locations. Various locations are affected by erosion from time to time. State Governments/Union Territories have identified following critical locations facing coastal erosion problem:

State	Locations affected by sea-erosion
Andhra Pradesh	Uppada and near by villages near Kakinada and some places in West Godavari and Krishna Districts.
Goa	Coastal areas in Pernem, Bardez, Salcete, Canacona, Tiswadi Talukas.
Gujarat	Coastal areas in Valsad, Navsari, Surat and Bharuch Districts.
Karnataka	Coastal areas in Mangalore, Udipi and Kundapur Talukas in Dakshina Kannada District and Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kunta, Ankola and Karwar Talukas in Uttara Kannada District.
Kerala	Coastal areas in Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Manjeri, Kozhikode, Thalessery, Kasaragode Divisions.
Maharashtra	Coastal areas in Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Raigad, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg Districts.
Orissa	Coastal areas in Ganjam, Puri, Kendrapara, Balasore, Jagatsinghpur and Bhadrak.
Pondicherry	Coastal areas in Pondicherry.
Tamil Nadu	Coastal areas in Chennai North, Kancheepuram, Cuddalore, Nagapattinam, Thioothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts.
West Bengal	Coastal areas in 24 Parganas (South), 24 Parganas (North) and Digha.
Lakshadweep	Coastal areas in the Islands of Agatti, Amini, Andrott, Bitra, Chetlat, Kadmat, Kalpeni, Kavaratti, Kiltan and Minicoy

(c) & (d) The works for anti-erosion are planned and taken up by respective State Governments/Union Territories. However, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for anti-sea erosion works in critical areas has been taken up by the Government of India in March, 2004 on pilot basis with an estimated cost of Rs.20.64 crore. Anti-sea erosion works for specific critical areas in Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Pondicherry have been included in the scheme.